



Unit # 2:

Managing the New Workplace

Workplace - Old Type

- Offices used to be made up of cubicles. Employees were more often encouraged to work independently and stay on focus at all times.
- Workplaces were a lot less tech orientated
 most business communication took
 place over landlines and in person and
 documents were all hard copies.
- Email, Word processor and the first personal computers were all invented in the 1970s, however mobiles were not around until 1988 and the internet was not created until 1990.

Old Workplace

(1970s-1990s)

- Routine
- Specialized tasks
- Standardized control procedures
- Employees work from one specific company facility
- Organization is controlled through vertical hierarchy i.e. decision making authority at upper levels



Workplace - New Type

- There is more focus on feeling comfortable in the workplace, to keep staff happy and motivated.
- The modern workplace is all about social collaboration and rising tech trends.
- The internet, smart phones, online file sharing, etc. has all made it possible for us to work anywhere and everywhere, which has lead to a rise in remote working and collaborate with people on the other side of the world with ease.

New Workplace

(2000-Today)

- Free flowing
- Flexible
- E-commerce or internet based organizations
- Employees are empowered
- Employees seize opportunities and solve problems as they emerge
- Company is organized around networks with no rigid hierarchies



Old vs. New Workplace - Management

Characteristics

Information and ideas rather than Machines and physical assets.

Shift from an industrial age to an information age has altered nature of work, employees and the workplace.

Old Workplace vs. New Workplace

	Old Workplace	New Workplace	
Characteristics			
Resources	Atoms-Physical assets	Bits-information	
Work	Structured, localized	Flexible, virtual	
Workers	Dependable employees	Empowered employees, free agents	
Forces on Organization			
Technology	Mechanical	Digital, e-business	
Markets	Local, domestic	Global, including internet	
Workforce	Homogenous	Diverse	

Old Workplace vs. New Workplace

	Old Workplace	New Workplace	
Values	Stability, efficiency	Change, speed	
Events	Calm, predictable	Turbulent, more frequent crisis	
Leadership	Autocratic	Dispersed, empowering	
Management Competencies			
Focus	Profits	Connection to customers, employees	
Doing Work	By individuals	By teams	
Relationships	Conflict, competition	Collaboration	
Design	Efficient performance	Experimentation, learning organization	

Managing Small Businesses

People who have found themselves squeezed out of the corporation due to downsizing or who voluntarily leave the corporate world to seek a slower pace and a healthier work life balance comes up with **Small Businesses**

Small Business

- ❖ Number of employees = 250 people
- ❖ Paid-up Capital = PKR. 25 million
- ❖ Annual Sales = PKR. 250 million

The environment for small businesses have been impacted by the following factors;

- Technology
- Globalization
- Government regulations
- Increasing customer demands

Role of Managers

Managers in small businesses often see their role as a **Spokesperson**, because they need to

- Promote
- Grow company

By being creative and have entrepreneurial skills

Managing Small Businesses

Small businesses management like corporate sector involves coordinating all aspects of the business to ensure that it keeps on growing and achieves success

Basic Requirements

- 1. Create a Business Plan
- 2. Separate your personal & Business Finances
 - 3. Determine funding requirements
 - 4. Hire the right people

- 5. Train your employees
- 6. Keep track of your Finances
 - 7. Invest in Marketing
 - 8. Learn to Delegate

Managing Small Businesses

Small business growth, however, can be tricky. Keeping hold of the reins, while maintaining that steady expansion takes a deft hand and some basic know-how

Managing Growth

- 1. Be prepared to Growth
- 2. Get your Quality Control in order
- 3. Stay on Top of the bottom line

- 4. Make Adjustments for growth
 - 5. Form a great Support Team
 - 6. Remember your <u>Customers</u>

Managing Not for Profit Organizations

- Not-for-profit is an organization that does not operate for the profit, personal gain or other benefit of particular people.
- All the **income** is used in pursuing the organization's objectives and keeping it running; income is not distributed to the group's members, directors, or officers.
- **❖** Profit vs. Social Impact
- ❖ In NFPs services are normally provided to nonpaying clients

Difference

Managers in businesses direct their activities towards **Earning Money** for the company, whereas in NFPs their efforts are directed towards generating some kind of **Social Impact**

Example

... Red Cross
... The Girls Scout
... Universities
... City Government Hospitals
... Public Schools
... Art Museums

Financial Resources

- Government appropriations
- Grants
- Donations
- Rather than from sale of products or services to customers

Managing Not for Profit Organizations

Manager Roles

- Secure a steady stream of funds to continue operating
- Secure **additional donations** or government appropriations
- **Focus** on keeping organizational costs as low as possible
- Demonstrate a highly efficient use of resources
- ❖ Intangible outcomes like 'improvement' rather than monetary

Financial

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Aim

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Performance

Performance Measure

Do not have a conventional bottom line
Managers may struggle with the question what
constitutes **results & effectiveness**

In NFPs Managers have to measure intangibles such as

- Improve public health
- Make a difference in the lives of disenfranchised

... Managers in NFPs shall market their services to attract not only clients but also the volunteers and donors on whom they depend

Managing Not for Profit Organizations

Manager Roles

Roles as defined by Mintzberg's also applies to NFPs

Spokesperson

... to sell the organization to donors and the public

Leader

... to build a mission driven community of employees and volunteers

Resource Allocator

... to distribute government resources or grant funds

Crisis Management

"Extraordinary times require extraordinary leadership"

The world has become fast, interconnected and complex resulting in unexpected events.

Organizations face various levels of crisis everydayeverything from loss of computer data to a pandemic.

Crisis Management – Leadership Skills

Crisis management requires five important leadership skills

Stay Calm:

Leaders have to suppress their own fears, doubts and pain to comfort others

Put people before business:

Make people and human feelings a top priority

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Be visible:

People need to feel and see that someone is in control

Tell the truth:

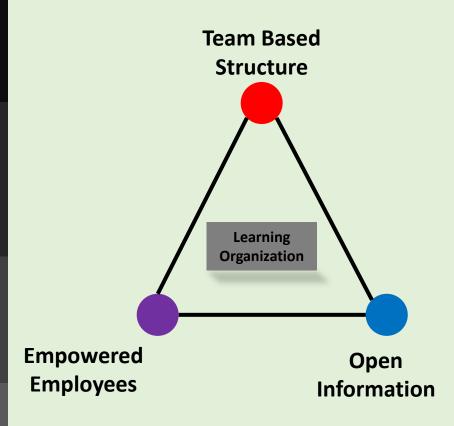
Do not block information or investigation

Know when to get back to business:

People need something to look forward to, as a sign of hope and rejuvenation

The Learning Organization

- "An organization in which everyone is engaged in identifying and solving problems, enabling the organization to continuously experiment, improve, and increase its capability"
- Creating an organizational climate that values
 <u>experimentation</u> and <u>risk-taking</u>, applies
 current <u>technology</u>, <u>tolerates</u> mistakes and
 failure, and <u>rewards</u> nontraditional thinking
 and the <u>sharing of knowledge</u>.
- Everyone in the organization participates in identifying and solving problems, enabling the organization to continuously experiment, improve, and increase its capability.
- The role of managers is not to make decisions, to create learning capability, where everyone is free to experiment and learn what works best.



The Learning Organization

The learning organization is an attitude or philosophy about what an organization can become.

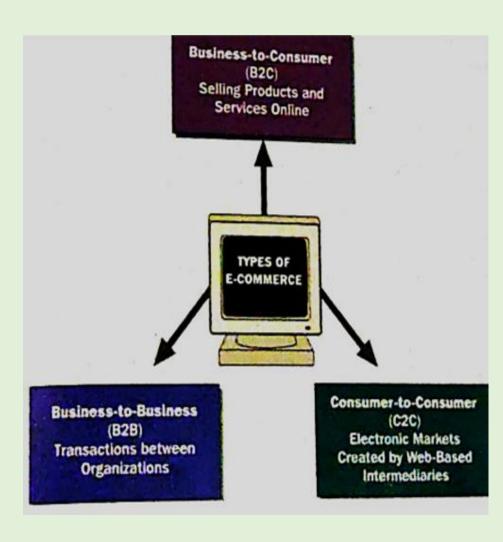
- 1. **Team-Based Structure:** People on the team are given the skills, information, tools, motivation, and authority to make decisions central to the team's performance and to respond creatively and flexibly to new challenges or opportunities that arise.
 - Collaboration, communication, self direction, different skill sets
- **2. Empowered Employees:** Employees are given freedom, resources, information and skills to make decisions and perform effectively.
 - Self -directed work teams, quality circles, job enrichment, employee participation groups, decision making authority and information
- **3. Open Information:** To identify needs and solve problems, people have to be aware of what's going on. Open information becomes extraordinarily important in organizations that deal with ideas, rather than material goods.
 - Formal data on budgets, profits, expenses, information sharing

Tech – Driven Workplace

- Ideas, information and relationships are becoming more important than production machinery, physical products and structured jobs.
- Shift towards computer based work and virtual teams, machines taking over factories freeing up workers to use their minds rather than efficiencies.

Key Words:

- → E-Business
- → Intranet
- → Extranet
- → E-Commerce
- → Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- → Knowledge Management





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